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JULY 2016 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

HNTB Employs Four Area High School Students as Part of the Mayor's Youth Employment Program



Each summer, the Mayor of Charlotte offers a Youth Employment Program for area high school students to work with companies in areas they want to explore as a future career path. The program focuses on leveraging relationships with businesses and the community to provide meaningful, career-oriented internships for participants.

One consultant on the Blue Line Extension is participating in the Mayor's Youth Program. This company is HNTB, the Construction Manager for the Blue Line Extension Project.

Four area high school students will spend the summer working for HNTB on the Blue Line Extension Program. Three of the students are from Mallard Creek High School and one student is a Hopewell High School graduate.

"The Mayor's Youth Employment Program has done an outstanding job of preparing these students for success in the workplace. They are enthusiastic, technologically adept, and have an aptitude for learning new skills quickly. We are pleased to mentor young employees who will be the engineers and architects of tomorrow", commented Cathie Farroll, Construction Communications Manager for HNTB.



What is one thing you are going to take away from your experience with HNTB?

"The experience working with great people and the knowledge I gained from them."

How do you plan to use this work experience in the future?

"I am going to college to major in architecture and will use the knowledge I gained here towards my degree."

What advice would you give someone who is considering the Mayor's Youth Employment Program for next year?

"Get good grades, study, and do well. Communicate with everybody. Look out there for jobs and offerings and take advantage of everything."

Zachary Brown is a rising senior at Mallard Creek High School working with the HNTB Communications Division.



How do you plan on using this experience in the future?

"I am gaining experience with everyone I am working with in the field and in the office on how to act and approach things, as well as scheduling my time and time management."

What advice would you give someone who is considering the Mayor's Youth Employment Program for next year?

"Opportunities are out there and this internship is worth the time you are using throughout your summer. Networking is a major key to them offering you jobs and opportunities once you graduate."

David Florez is a graduate of Hopewell High School and will be attending Central Piedmont Community College this fall. He is working with the Track and System Division of HNTB.



Malcolm Smith attended Mallard Creek High School and is attending Cato Middle College High School in the fall. Malcolm is working with Project Controls and Station Finishes at HNTB.

How are you planning on using this experience in the future?

"I would use this experience on my resume and in my future job hunt."

What advice would you give someone who is considering the Mayor's Youth Employment Program for next year?

"Any opportunity that you get to work in the workforce you should do no matter how much time it takes."

How do you plan on using this experience in the future?

"I hope this experience allows me to pursue my degree and come back and work for HNTB upon graduation."

What advice would you give someone who is considering the Mayor's Youth Employment Program for next year?

"Take full advantage of the program. Although you may be losing time in the summer, the opportunity we have here to work with good people is great. You can use this experience to gain a better network. HNTB put me on LinkedIn and I have made a lot of good connections for the future."



Ryan Mitchell attends Mallard Creek High School and plans to attend Georgia Tech upon graduation to study engineering.

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